



## Fighting book bans

Reading focuses on censorship

By Lukas Myers  
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD — When Deborah Brothers was still in college, she was asked to take part in a banned book reading, to which she replied, “Nobody bans books anymore.”

It was later that she came to realize how wrong she was and how much going to the event would change her life.

The English professor at Lincoln Land read from often-banned book “An Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian” and wore a pin that read, “I’ve Never Read a Banned Book I Didn’t Love,” at a banned book event on Oct. 2 in the A. Lincoln Commons.

The event was part of a national celebration that goes unnoticed by millions of Americans every year: Banned Books Week.

For the past 33 years, the American Library Association has been holding, “A celebration of the freedom to read” with the goal of spreading community awareness about the dangers of censorship and the fact of its existence in the United States.

The association maintains universal opposition to the banning of literature.

Jill Campbell, librarian at Lincoln Land Community College and advocate of Banned Book Week, detailed a banning battle of the book “Persepolis.”

“It happens in layers,” Campbell said, referring to how ‘Persepolis’ was banned in Chicago and then quickly in all of the schools around state of Illinois. She said the book was almost banned as close as Chatham, but the library association won out before that could happen.

Many of the readings focused on books banned because of what they were speaking out against.

“It was pretty easy to get when I read this book, and I was 14,” said Rebecca Evans, a Lincoln Land student. Her banned book was a book called “Looking for Alaska,” a coming of age book that outlines the perception of sexuality and mourning in society, but that was banned for those very same reasons.

Ashly Watkins-Burge read a section of “Kite Runner,” a story depicting a Middle Eastern man. The banning of this book raised questions of why people ban books. Suggesting, it might not be the content, but rather an effort to avoid seeing the characters as similar to ourselves.

People may prefer to keep the “Kite Runner” character as our enemy, Campbell said.

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# Displaying diversity



Teresa Brummett/Lamp staff photos

Visitors to the Multicultural Festival are served free ethnic food in front of the A. Lincoln Commons. The festival brought vendors, music and food to campus on Wednesday, Oct. 7, to celebrate different cultures. TOP: Various cardboard sculptures were on display. BELOW: A musician plays for those attending the festival.

## Event offers free food, music and more

By Leanna Churchill  
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SPRINGFIELD — While walking towards the A. Lincoln Commons on Oct. 7, students were greeted by multiple tents and flags along the sidewalk — not a typical day at Lincoln Land.

The Multicultural Festival was taking place.

“It’s something I am both interested in, and gives me something to do,” said Kelley Devlin, while checking out the festival.

Organizer Marie Watson, student engagement coordinator for Student Life, said, “The Multicultural Fest was very successful, with the entertainment and food vendors being the highlight of the event.”

The festival featured booths from different community organizations and performers.

“The participation from local

exhibitors is always something that benefits the students in getting to know what is in the community,” Watson said.

Some of the organizations included the Springfield chapter of NAACP, Sol Peru and the Springfield Bahai Community.

Performers on a stage facing the commons’ entrance filled the outdoor space with music throughout the event.

The stage featured Tom Irwin, an acoustic guitarist, Shay on Sax and Lotus Fire Belly Dancers.

There also were two faculty members who took their turn on the stage: Matt Combs, acoustic guitarist, and Paul Van Heuklom, a Native American flute player.

“The festival has been going good, so far,” says Max Lake, with Student Life, about half way through the

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Ryan Mazrim/Lamp staff photo

Flags line the sidewalk outside the A. Lincoln Commons.

## Students create flags

By Isaac Warren  
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SPRINGFIELD — Flags are usually synonymous with pirates, America and soccer. However, what does a flag represent?

What if every person had their own flag that represented their culture and

interests?

Luckily, Lincoln Land Community College offered an event that facilitates such that.

Student Life recently asked students to create flags representing their backgrounds and cultures.

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# Starbucks adds new flavor to fall

By Tess Peterson  
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SPRINGFIELD – You know its fall when your favorite coffee shop offers up autumn-themed espresso drinks! This fall, Starbucks will add a new flavored latte in addition to its traditional pumpkin spice latte.

Starbucks will offer the first new seasonal drink in four years: the toasted graham latte.

Yoke Wong, Starbucks research and development manager, created this new drink after being inspired by the “back to school” themes in advertising.

The research showed that the taste of cereal milk was very popular in the United States, so Wong went to work to create this cereal milk taste in an espresso drink. She tested between 20 and 30 beverage concepts. “I knew I was getting close to the



final recipe when I began to notice that one of the samples was the

favorite time and again,” she said.

This new flavor is an espresso drink with steamed milk, flavors of graham and sweet cream, finished with a hint of cinnamon.

Barista Bridget said that the traditional pumpkin spice flavor is still the favorite, but the toasted graham latte is “gaining popularity.” She said that some days the two flavors are equally requested.

“Just this week we have been averaging 100 toasted graham lattes, and about 110 pumpkin spice lattes,” Bridget said.

During a 45-minute period at the Starbucks at Chatham Road and West Monroe Street, six customers ordered the pumpkin flavor and four chose the new one.

One student, Becky, was drinking a toasted graham latte, but said that she still prefers the pumpkin spice choice. She said she loves to try new

flavors for “the adventure,” just to see if she will like them.

Wong said research shows customers will try a new flavor once, and if they like it, they will order it multiple times in the season.

Two other customers at the Starbucks, Angie and Hannah, explained that they love to try new drinks, especially at Starbucks. Angie and Hannah try new drinks “just for fun.”

Angie said she is “sticking with pumpkin spice,” while Hannah said her new favorite espresso is now toasted graham.

Stop by your favorite coffee shop and try the seasonal flavors, traditional, or new, before they’re replaced with the Christmas selections.

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# Review: Mimosa offers tasty variety

By Joe Hay  
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SPRINGFIELD — Mimosa impressed me with its food, service and atmosphere.

Mimosa at 4201 Wabash Ave. is an Asian restaurant, offering Thai and Vietnamese cuisine.

The first thing I noticed about Mimosa was the very friendly bartender who welcomed and seated me as soon as I arrived. This man was also our server. He was on top of refills, which is always nice.

After being seated, I got to looking around and noticed it has a really nice design with comfy seats.

I tried a bento box when I went there, and it was great.

The options for bento boxes at Mimosa include chicken teriyaki, shrimp tempura (\$8.95), steak teriyaki and salmon teriyaki (\$9.95). Each comes with a soup, salad, rice, Oshinko, California rolls, edamame and a pork egg roll.

I ordered the salmon teriyaki bento box, along with a six-count of gyoza (\$4.50) and beef tip kabobs (\$5.95) for appetizers.

In addition to the appetizers and bentos that Mimosa offers, they also have soups, salads, traditional Vietnamese food, noodles, stir fry, fried rice dishes, Shabu Shabu, sushi, sashimi and desserts.



Joe Hay/Lamp staff photo

**Mimosa’s salmon teriyaki bento box costs \$9.95 and comes with a soup, salad, rice, Oshinko, California rolls, edamame and a pork egg roll.**

The side dishes available include steamed, brown or fried rice, steamed broccoli, side vegetables, and noodles, prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$2.95.

Overall I think Mimosa was a friendly place with good food, and I’ll be going back in the future.

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# Toradze amazes with piano-playing skills

By Amanda Calhoun  
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SPRINGFIELD – Alexander Toradze’s hands moved quickly across his keyboard during his piano concert at Sangamon Auditorium on Oct. 3.

It was unbelievable to see him play, said Carolyn Yockey, who is president of the board of the Illinois Symphony Orchestra. She said she’d never seen anything like it.

“It was very powerful, dramatic

and alive,” Yockey said.

A widely recognized masterful virtuoso in the grand romantic tradition, Toradze played along with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra in a concert, titled “Resounding Russians.”

Toradze has appeared with the leading orchestras of North America, including the New York Philharmonic, Boston Symphony, Chicago Symphony and Cleveland Orchestra. He regularly participates in summer music festivals, including Salzburg

and the White Nights in St. Petersburg. In addition, he has released many highly acclaimed recordings of piano concertos.

Born in 1952 in Tbilisi in the republic of Georgia, Toradze graduated from the Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Moscow and became a professor there.

In 1983, he moved permanently to the U.S.

In 1991, he was appointed professor of piano at Indiana University, South Bend.

The members of the multi-national Toradze Piano Studio have developed into a worldwide touring ensemble that has gathered critical acclaim internationally.

Toradze said: “Don’t forget to pray to God before each performance, and don’t forget to give your soul enough air. Believe in the right purpose of art and believe in being human.”

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“The ease with which these books

are banned is just shocking,” said Watkins-Burge.

The overall feel of the event melted down to this: Just because you do not like what something says, does not mean that you should be allowed to remove that thing from existence.

“I wouldn’t say the problem is

ignorance,” Brothers said. “Rather, I think it just fear of the unknown.”

Brothers has been a passionate advocate for the banned books celebration and has been hosting the event here at Lincoln Land Community College since 2001, approximately two weeks after the 9/11 terrorist

attacks.

“We had something like two-hundred people there,” she said of the first reading.

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# Creepy cinema season

Students weigh in  
on scariest movie

By Cathryn Buecker  
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SPRINGFIELD — October is finally here, bringing with it that biting chill in the air that signals the end of summer and the start of the holidays. Goodbye to brisk September afternoons, hello to the unbearably cold mornings of fall. Of course, the beginning of October also brings with it that holiday which lurks around the corner of September, waiting until you least expect it to pop out and give you a fright.

Some like to embrace the frightening aspect of the holiday, those who look for something to keep them up at night, wondering if they really just saw that shadow by the door move or if it was just their imagination. One of the best ways to get that looking-over-your-shoulder feeling is with a good old scary movie. Time to curl up on the couch with some popcorn, and hopefully, a friend.

There are so many scary movies out there, from horror to thrillers, there's something for everyone. And there are more coming out every year. This year, we'll be seeing several horror movies such as "Crimson Peak," and, of course, another "Paranormal Activity" movie. To pick a good one for this year's Halloween, just ask around Lincoln Land.

Certainly here at Lincoln Land, there are many people who enjoy a good scare.

Student Sam Schuh said that if he had to pick a favorite scary movie, he would pick "Annabelle," a horror-mystery flick revolving around a demonic doll and satanic cultists.

"Most scary movies, I could tell when the scares were coming," Schuh said. "But with 'Annabelle,' it wasn't just jump-scares. It was also suspenseful."

Kelsey Miller, another Lincoln Land student, said she enjoys the jump-scares, but she also appreciates a good twist-ending to movies. Her scary movie of choice would be "The Haunting" because it was her first scary movie. Miller also said that, out of more recent films, she really enjoyed "The Gallows."

Another thing Miller looks for in a scary are good graphics.

"If it looks fake, it just ruins the movie for me," Miller said. "I end up laughing, which is the opposite of what I should be doing. I want to be on the edge of my seat, trembling in fear."

So, if you decide to stay home this Halloween, make sure to set yourself up with a scary movie. Whether you like the suspense, the twist endings or the jump-scares, there's certainly a scare for you.

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Teresa Brummett/Lamp staff photos  
**Carole Stephens and Clarence Goodman, known as Miss Carole and Clarence of children's band Macaroni Soup, sing a song about going to sleep for children in the A.Lincoln Commons. Student United Way sponsored the show.**

# Concert teaches with a song

By Teresa Brummett  
Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD -- Whether it be the tunes on the radio or the song of the whippoorwill, it's a proven fact that students who participate in music have better grades, attendance and fewer discipline problems than students who are not involved in music.

Carole Stephens, or Miss Carole, as her students in Park Ridge know her, recently visited Lincoln Land Community College. She brought her 27 years of teaching experience and a lot of fun with her.

Stephens was joined by her fellow Macaroni Soup band member Clarence Goodman. Together, they sang and played music along with doing some fun activities.

Stephens started Macaroni Soup 16 years ago. And 3½ years ago, she met Goodman, who is a historian and song writer, as well as a musician. They travel all over the United States doing seminars and family concerts teaching children and parents what music can do for them.

Stephens involved herself when her very own school tried to get rid of the music programs.

"I walked into the school meetings wearing three hats: One of a concerned parent, one of a taxpayer and one of a teacher," she said.

She fought the decision, highlighting the fact that music students did better in school.

On Sept. 30, Stephens and Goodman entertained about 30 children and parents in the A.Lincoln Commons. Everyone joined in with



**Children have a 'snowball fight' using bath scrubbers.**

songs such as "Jump! Jim Joe," "BAM," and "Have a seat on the floor."

Stephens and Goodman also played like they were fish, and everyone would swim around.

They ended the evening with a song called "Stinky Cake Song," where a kid would say what he thought was stinky and the duo would incorporate it into the song.

Stephens and Goodman said that they do have a reason for the silliness though. All the silly games and songs were actually teaching the children some of the basics like math and science, they said. Their music teaches the difference

between soft and loud, and fast and slow, while using music dynamics of opposites to teach.

Stephens and Goodman had the children's full attention, especially when Goodman pulled out a bag full of fake snowballs and began a snowball fight.

The event was sponsor by Student United Way. The group's adviser, Melissa Franzen, was glad the students were handling most of the event because she was glad to be able to get down on the floor and enjoy the concert.

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# This is Halloween

Families get  
into the spirit  
of the season

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SPRINGFIELD – Liz Havens has spent every Halloween for the last 10 years at work.

The owner of Country Market sells close to 4,000 pumpkins every year, making Halloween a busy season.

"Everyone decides to carve pumpkins on Halloween, so we have to stay open," Havens said.

Country Market, a grocery store on Wabash Avenue, focuses on buying local. As a result, Havens said she can sell the pumpkins cheaper than everywhere else.

Carving pumpkins is a classic tradition, but there are many Halloween traditions that keep people busy every year.

"Every year we have a huge cookout, and everyone has to dress up or they aren't allowed in," said Nancy Oliver, who has a student at Lincoln Land.

"My family and I go to a haunted house or hayrack ride every weekend in October," Oliver said. "It's rare if we miss a weekend. Halloween is big in our house. We have

our decorations up October 1st, no matter what."

Others get into crafting around the Halloween season.

"Every year we go to Hobby Lobby and stock up on everything," said Rachel Cockerel of Pleasant Plains. "I use Pinterest to get ideas and make a huge shopping list. My kids are still young, so they have a lot of fun with it, too."

Cockerel said they're always looking for new ideas.

Halloween means one thing for kids: Trick-or-treating.

A child dresses up in a costume and goes from door to door saying trick or treat to receive candy. Originally, it meant the homeowner

would either give a treat, or else, a trick would be played on them. But the trick is not as common today, so it's said as just a tradition.

Alyia Oliver, Nancy Oliver's youngest daughter, is 13 and reaching the end of her trick or treating years.

"I'm going to go out one more year and then call it quits," said Alyia. "Me and my friends just aren't ready to grow up yet."

Typically, children stop trick or treating at about 13 or 14 years old, and homeowners have been known to turn away kids who they think are too old to be out trick or treating.

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# British soccer player joins Loggers

By Emmi Fisher  
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Jordan Lovell has traveled a quarter of the way around the world to join the Loggers' men's soccer team, and this year, number 6 is making his British invasion on the soccer pitch.

Lovell is a freshman and plays center back for the Loggers. He was born in Greenwich, England, and was raised in Dartford, Kent, the hometown of Mick Jagger. Overseas, he was part of the Greenwich Men's U 18 Soccer Club.

"We are very happy to have Jordan with us at LLCC. He is a very good player but more importantly he is an even better person. Jordan is liked and respected by all the team and coaches," said Peter Christofilakos, LLCC soccer head coach.

Lovell was kind enough to sit down with Emmi Fisher of The Lamp (TL) to answer some questions I had about him and the team this year.

**TL:** How did you get started playing soccer?

**JL:** At 10 my dad signed me up and I went to a tryout, and made it! That year I received the awards of Players Players, Managers Player, and Parent Players at the end of the soccer season.

**TL:** What made you come to America to play?

**JL:** I was in college at sixteen. College in England is different though, you only study one subject, mine was Sports Science. While I was playing for a Men's football team overseas my manager talked to me about a sports agency, called Sports Recruit USA. I then had to apply to get a tryout; I then went for a tryout in Maidstone, England. I was then part of the agency, they came to my games filmed me and then promoted me to American schools.

**TL:** Where were some schools that were interested in you located?

**JL:** There were three schools, one in Oklahoma, New York City, and LLCC. I came to LLCC because they gave me a full tuition waiver.

**TL:** How do you feel about your season?

**JL:** We started off well, looked

good. Then playing too much which caused injuries let us down a bit.

**TL:** Before a game do you have any rituals?

**JL:** I have a superstition, so I always put my left shin guard on first and I always wear black cleats.

**TL:** What gets you pumped for games?

**JL:** A winning streak and focusing on playing well. I don't really talk to anyone, I just sit and focus on the game.

**TL:** How do you balance sports and school?

**JL:** As soon as I get home from practice I revise right away over my homework, and try not to get distracted. Study tables also help.

**TL:** What is your major?

**JL:** Physical Education

**TL:** What are your goals after LLCC?

**JL:** I am going to try to stay in America for another two years. Then go back home to England and teach Physical Education.

"Jordan is a leader in the back. He gets the job done!!" Antorio Diez, Freshmen, Midfielder

**TL:** Who is your favorite soccer player?

**JL:** Andy Carroll

**TL:** Have you had a horse shoe before?

**JL:** Yes, a grilled chicken one. It was nice. It was at the Brickhouse.

**TL:** What are some hobbies you like to do outside of school?

**JL:** I like to hang out with my teammates at their apartments and eat at Buffalo Wild Wings.

**TL:** Who is your celebrity crush?

**JL:** Margot Robbie.

**TL:** What is your favorite meal to eat, Fish and Chips?

**JL:** No, Chicken Enchiladas with rice.

**TL:** So do they cook better Mexican in England or America?

**JL:** My mom actually does it; she cooks lots of things.

**TL:** What are three weaknesses you have?

**JL:** Crisps or American Chips, Doritos are my favorite, Fast Food, and not having my friends and family around.

**TL:** If you could read minds who would be the first person mind you would read, and why?

**JL:** Jake Oldani, who is a sophomore redshirt goalkeeper on the LLCC Men's Soccer Team. He comes up with random things,



Submitted photos

**Jordan Lovell is seen with his soccer teammates in England. He is at the very center of the group photo (fourth from the left in the middle row). BELOW: Lovell stands with a fellow player in England. Lovell is on the left.**

I would love to see what he is thinking about; Like if he is in the class is he even thinking about the class or something else.

**TL:** Who should I interview next?

**JL:** Ryan Brown, freshmen forward for LLCC Men's Soccer Team, he is from Ireland. Well, Northern Ireland, do not say Ireland he will get mad.

**TL:** Thank You for the interview.

**JL:** You are Welcome.

*Emmi Fisher attempts to find out more about who Lincoln Land's student athletes are. This is the first of several interviews. Fisher can be reached at lamp@llcc.edu.*



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After creating a flag in the A.Lincoln Commons, students could place a pin in a large showing where their ancestors came from. The flags and map were displayed at the Multicultural Festival to show off Lincoln Land's diversity.

This was the second year this event was held at LLCC, said Amber Berman, the Student Life program assistant. Last year, the program was well received, and

more than 100 students participated.

This year, the program was open to students for two days instead of one, Berman said, and free water bottles were given to anyone completing a flag.

Emily Tomlin, a Student Life worker, said that the event this year also was well received, although she did not have a number of attendees.

Tomlin thought expanding the times to when student were available and offering more freebies would help expand participation.

Max Lake, a student who works for Student Life, said he liked the

event and thought it was a cool idea.

"You get to see everyone's interests and background," Lake said.

If Lake made a flag, he said he would create one in a way that displayed his love for soccer.

It can be a very interesting experience to observe and partake in another person's culture. The Flag Day was a perfect medium for students and faculty to create something that tells a good story about their ancestors and their background.

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event. "Everyone seems to be talking and having fun."

Besides the exhibitors and performs there was also a Henna artist and food vendors giving out samples, which was probably the favorite part of the event for many.

The food was offered by AZ-T-CA Mexican Grill, Clay's Popeye's Bar B-Q, Magic Kitchen, Flavor of India, Hunan Chinese Restaurant and Kingsway African and Carib-

bean Cuisine.

"Some of the food I have tried before, but others I hadn't. It was all pretty good," said student, Darvius Derbick.

The number of exhibitors that participated this was lower than past years, according to Watson, but she plans to focus on increasing the number in coming years.

Watson credits the staff, clubs, vendors and artists to making the event successful.

The festival will continue to be anticipated, annual event at Lincoln Land.

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